



## ACE e-Manifest: Rail and Sea

### Time to Prepare

#### Background

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) deployed the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) e-Manifest: Rail and Sea on August 27, 2011. CBP began successfully accepting manifests from trade users in the ACE production system on November 28, 2011.

#### Successful Deployment Status

CBP's deployment of ACE e-Manifest: Rail and Sea to trade users and CBP ports is going well.

- With respect to the trade pilot, ocean and rail carriers have migrated from the Automated Manifest System (AMS) and are successfully submitting manifests to ACE. The initial ABI filer is also in production for e-Manifest: Rail and Sea. Additional trade parties are being onboarded to ACE e-Manifest: Rail and Sea on a regular basis, and many trade participants have completed or are conducting certification testing.
- CBP has trained users and deployed ACE e-Manifest: Rail and Sea to over 70 ports, and will deploy to all direct arrival ports by the end of March, 2012.

#### Take Action Now to Be Prepared

If you are not yet filing data via ACE e-Manifest: Rail and Sea, nor testing to become certified, the time to take action is NOW.

- Upon the acceptance of ACE as the replacement system for rail and sea manifests, CBP plans to announce, in a Federal Register Notice, that **ACE will be the only CBP-approved electronic data interchange (EDI) through which rail and sea manifests may be transmitted.**
- This Federal Register Notice, targeted for publication in March 2012, will also announce a six-month timeframe for the transition to ACE and the decommissioning of AMS for rail and sea manifests.

#### Additional Resources

CBP invites and encourages additional EDI filers to participate in trade testing once they have completed programming per the e-Manifest Implementation Guides which can be found at

[http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace\\_edi\\_messages/](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_edi_messages/).

This deployment impacts not only rail and sea carriers but also terminal operators, ABI filers, port authorities and other entities who receive secondary party notifications. These trade entities may also need to test with CBP prior to their transition to ACE. Changes to ABI applications can be found at

[http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace\\_edi\\_messages/catair\\_main/abi\\_catair/catair\\_manifest\\_processing/](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_edi_messages/catair_main/abi_catair/catair_manifest_processing/).

The Cargo System Messaging Service will be the primary means of communicating with the trade community on this deployment. For information on how to subscribe, please go to:

[http://apps.cbp.gov/csms/csms.asp?display\\_page=1](http://apps.cbp.gov/csms/csms.asp?display_page=1).

CBP encourages all rail and sea carriers to apply for a free ACE Portal Account now. The ACE Portal Application is available on-line and may be submitted electronically. The URL for the online application is:

[http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace\\_app\\_info/ace\\_portal\\_app.ctt/ace\\_portal\\_app.pdf](http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_app_info/ace_portal_app.ctt/ace_portal_app.pdf)

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